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## THE CONSTITUTION: ESTO PER

Once make gaps in the constitution. and soon all our rights and liberties are unfenced. A no-fence law is a very desirable thing for some folks; and some folks who would feel outraged at being called Radicals or Anarchists, want no laws at all, so far as they place any restraint on their excellencies. And what high and delightful arguments they employ! The righteous need no laws; and we are the righeous. Laws are only for the wicked. To the pure, all things are pure; and we are the pure!

best. But there are necessary excephave laws to protect your life, your liberty, your rights, powers and property; but what is the use of laws for others? That is the point: you want laws to protect you from others; and the others want laws to protect them from you. You can't see that, for naturally you see only how you may be injured; and if you have millions and all that they imply, you feel that you have a right to do what you please with others and what they pretend to call theirs. You are very fond of quoting:

"For forms of government, let fools

That which is best administered is best." How true that is! Yes: but it is still a fact that some forms of government are better calculated to secure good administration than others, if it be honestly carried out. Our form of gov-ernment, for instance, as prescribed by flagrantly demonstrated by this abominable Hanna-McKinley-Alger administration. But that results from the violation of the form in every essential that requires honesty, right and truth. Hanna (not the Republican party, nor the people) to the Demonstrated by this abominate that requires honesty, right and truth. Hanna (not the Republican party, nor the people) to the demonstrated by this abominate that along, for many years in some cases, been assessible assessible and truth. It puts in the hands, the sovereign bands, of speculators unknown to the citizens and the laws.

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BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY TO OUR-SELVES AND OUR POSTERITY. Not a hint of conquest and dominion not a hint of imperial policies and foreign entanglements. No! It is all home government, free government, "for ourselves and our posterity."

Consider the practical wisdom and superior sagacity of those men; remember their patriotic devotion to liberty and country; and reflect with what care and anxious solicitude they conned every clause, sentence, phrase and word of our Magna Charta before adopting it. Is this magnificent heritage of love, wisdom, liberty and patriotism to be frittered away by petty politicians, and greedy sharpers, in pursuit of new issues or fresh pastures? Is that monument to the greatest human achievement, this fortress of freedom, to be undermined and toppled to the earth by moles and mice? Or is the

"Towering in his pride of place, To be by a mousing owl hawked at and slain?"

If there be no patriotism at Washington, a proper personal pride end self-respect should hold the hand that is raised against what all the world con-fesses to be the grandest work ever ac-complished by man. Shame in being an accomplice in the demolition of the Temple of Liberty erected by our venerated forefathers should stay the impious hand that would touch the saered edifice. The vilest outcast, who has a drop of American blood in him, should still feel himself too much a man to implicate himself in the betrayal of the Goddess of Liberty, whose holiest shrine should forever be the Capital of this great Republic-Wash-

Sworn to uphold and observe the constitution, swear again, ye Senators and Representatives in Congress, to keep it always in mind and heart, so that the people and their posterity may acclaim him greatest who in this hour of stress and trial was bravest and most faithful for and to the constitu-

#### THE GOVERNMENTS ALONE MUST GOVERN.

Our Supreme Court of Appeals has colded that the so-called land-grab. ers' act is constitutional; yet had they held it unconstitutional, one can see that they would have bad reason. Lands sold for taxes, either to the State or any other purchaser, do not become the property of the State, or of any other purchaser, so long as an equity or other right of redemption exists by provision of law in the delinquent. The lands, in fact, are recognized as his, though he may lose them utterly, if he fail to redeem them, from the sort of pawn in which the delinquent sale has placed them within a certain time. Even the land-grabbers' act concedes the property to be the delinquent's.

That being so, and the State having Restraints and restrictions are a mis-take. "The world is governed too much." Natural laws are sufficient and their government-where is the authority granted the State to transfer its sovereignty, or whatever power b granted it, to another, to other than the officers of the State, with authority to harass the delinquent, force him to pay fees, &c. The State is the citizen's ruler and government, with his consent, and to the State be and other citizens have conveyed certain powers of vereignty; but when the State atempts to transfer this sovereignty, it simply fails, if it does not abdicate,

is no transfer of authority, and that "grab" are really acting for the State, or doing what the State had authority —these infidelities to our own instituto empower them to do; but the fact tions and these atrocities upon othersremains that the State, in effect, turns its delinquent citizens (who, with other citizens, gave it all the power it has) ernment, for instance, as prescribed by our constitution and the laws passed in pursuance thereof, is the best form ever framed to assure the best administration; though how liable it is to fail is flagrantly demonstrated by this abomnifications and pay certain charges.

Citizens, gave it all the power it hals) over to the tender mercies of persons or combines, foreign or domestic, with power to harry these citizens and take power to harry these citizens and take in their lands, unless they obey certain the bayouet, and encamp under the dome of the Capitol.

We are invoking these retributions

of French history when "rois faineant" (or lazy or nominal kings) reigned, and the government fell into any hands though every effort has been made to that would take it; and so, since the disinfect and deodorize him, makes the land-grabbers' act and other measures.

constitutional. We do not believe that a government created by and for the The devotion of Hanna and McKi people, with certain powers and duties, can transfer either to others, unknown to the people or to the constitution. We believe that government should govern, and that alone; and that where it seeks to shirk its duties and responsibilities by transfers, no matter under what cunning pretexts and phrases, and turn its people over to a dragonnade of sharpers, the courts should sweep away the evasions and pretences, and cancel the act.

#### AS WE DO UNTO OTHERS.

There is no question, that, events having brought us into relations with the Philippine Islands and their inhabitants, an enlightened statesmanship, always subject to the sacred obligations we are under to the great principles we have proclaimed and sustained as a nation of the earth, behooves us to turn our opportunities to our advantage, in so far as we can de so with honor; which requires us to be faithful to ourselves as the representatives of human freedom and independence, as well as true to all the obligations, expressed and implied, that bind us in our treatment of other men

There may be some tautology in that paragraph, as it is confessedly labored to express the truth of our situation, rather than to illustrate felicity of style. Nor will we attempt to concent that it is framed to meet a claim, expressed both by Mr. McKinley and by Mr. Bryan, that in settling finally a modus vivendi between us and the philippinos, we must look after our own interests, as well as theirs—and, curiously enough, both gentlemen, in their expressions, give precedence in time to our interests, giving those of the Philippinos only a secondary place. The movements of the party and general observations, giving a detailed account of their receptions at various points and other information, which will prove of general interest to their large circle Yet we cannot believe that either of of readers. The meaning of this tour is them means that Philippine interests to show to the people of New England are to be sacrificed or subordinated to the advancement, unbounded resources American interests, in determining the internal affairs of these Islands.

Just as America is for Americans, so are the Philippine Islands for the Philippines; and we cannot deny, or ignore, that fact without gross perfidy to the tenure by which we have won and held our own liberty and independence, Men and nations must rise upon their posts to higher things, or degenerate rapidly; and when they turn away from a noble origin and high birth rights, violating the very spirit of their being and becoming the workers of the iniquities it is their mission to antago nize and destroy, they should perish

oppressors and enslavers of mankind! the American arms to command obedience and unquestioned submission from other men and nations! the land of Washington to promulgate and enforce a despotism in other lands,-subordinating those lands and their peo-Of course, we know, without having a ple to American power and profit! Philadelphia lawyer to show us, that Are not all these monstrous concepa deal of hair-splitting can be put in tions? And yet they have not only to avoid abdication, to show that there been conceived and proposed, but their execution has actually begun in the the person or persons proceeding to Philippines, vI at armis. Our Sena-

sions. There was a considerable period or well, and also for the production of asses and buzzards.

Alger, himself, Secretary of War, war, our official government leaves everything, except its pay, to whose will take it into his own hands,—special inducements being offered to this government by substitutes under the tables were anciently notorious for their filth; but it is generally believed that the Algerian Shambles, if inspect-

## THE SOUTH.

A corps of the joint staff of the New England Newspaper League, a combi-nation of eleven influential newspapers of that section, propose a tour of the South, visiting the States of Virginta, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. The party will leave Bos-ton March 4th, and will reach Virginia, first stopping at Richmond March 6th and 7th. They should be invited to visit and material progress of the South during the past few years, and by a careful compilation of facts and figures show its exact condition as it is today. The meaning of all this, the influence exerted and the beneficial re-sults that will flow to the South must be apparent to all. It is very important that the league shall visit Norfolk and Portsmouth, for no section of the South can demonstrate such evidences growth, development and prosperity as these Sister Cities by the Sea.

### PEOPLE'S FORUM.

NOTE.—The People's Forum being freely open to all parties, classes, persons, views and capacities, the Virthemselves.

The American Republic to become a conquerer and subjugator of other nations! the American people to become a conversers and opelayers of marking!

BAD CONDUCT OF BOYS IN BRAM-BLETON.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22, 1899. Editor of the Virginian-Pilot:

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Dear Sir-Would you kindly give this a space in your most valued paper. I notice that boys on Highland avenue, in Brambeton Ward, since the snow has gone away, have taken to throwing rocks, etc., at passers-by. I saw them to-day stoning an old colored woman and also some little girls-one little gi

### NOTES AND OPINIONS OF THE

INCREASE OF THE ARMY. (Newark, N. J. Advertiser.)

There is an invincible feeling in this country against a large increase of the standing army and there is also a powerful sentiment opposed to giving the organization and control of a larger military establishment to the officials of the War Department whose misconduct of the war and whose cabals and intrigues have disquested the whole na

would be permanent until occasion presented for another increase.

AN ISLAND FULL OF TOWNS. The Island of Luzon boasts not alone of Manila, but seems to be thickly studded with towns of considerable size. The following table gives their names, estimated population and distance in miles from the capitol;

tables were anciently notorious for their filth; but it is generally believed that the Algerian Shambles, if inspected, would be found to be more foul. The devotion of Hanna and McKinley to Alger is conspicuous; but when they have utterly sacrificed themselves and their hopes for 1900 to him, he will prove by his records and recorders that they made him the Algerine he is. Like masters, like man.

Meanwhile, the people, are tired of Algeria, Alger and all the Algerines; and next year they will put 'em out, in short order, with all who had art and part with them. The Republican National convention of next year, if it cannot be a white man's party, will at least make Algerines and other Africans, racial and rolitical, take back seats; and if we are to lose our liberty and independence as States and people, it will not be by Algerine and other Africans, racial and rolitical, take back seats; and if we are to lose our liberty and independence as States and people, it will not be by Algerine and other Africans, racial and rolitical, take back seats; and if we are to lose our liberty and independence as States and people, it will not be by Algerine and other Africans, racial and rolitical, take back seats; and if we are to lose our liberty and independence as States and people, it will not be by Algerine and other Africans, racial and rolitical, take back seats; and if we are to lose our liberty and elected this Presidential abomination.

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Novaliches 1,871 10

Pandacan 9,825 3½

San Mateo 6,700 17

San Pedro Macati 3,921 3

Taging 9,662 4

Tambobong 25,000 3

It can be understood from this list of adjacent towns why the accounts of the fighting by our troops referred so often to entering the streets of the town or driving the natives back into the town, etc. This also indicates why the possession of the city of Manila Population.

NORTH DAKOTA DIVORCES.

(From the Chicago Tribune.)

The people who wish to get divorces speedily, quietly, and usually without adequate cause will learn with serrow that the North Dakota Legislature has passed a bill, which the Governor will undoubtedly approve, making it necessary to have lived a year in the State before beginning suit for divorce. For a time South Dakota was a Mecca for couples that yearned for an immediate release from marital ties. Later on North Dakota and Oklahoma took its place. Oklahoma alone remains now, and Territorial divorces are not held in as high esteem as State divorces.

The action of the North Dakota Legislature will deprive of business some lawyers who have been making divorce suits a speciality. It will cut down the custom of some hotel keepers in the favorite divorce resorts. It will help the reputation of the State, which has suffered by reason of its being a hidder for divorce business. The courts of some States have looked with great contempt on these easily obtained Dakota decrees, and have denied their validity. Thus North Dakota has been getting many people in to serious legal complications.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY'S FAME IS SAFE

(Baltimore American.)

So far as his vindication before the country is concerned, it was not necessary for Admiral Schley to reply to the charges which have been made against him by Secretary Long. There have been so many envices and unagainst him by Secretary Lour. There have been so many enviews and unworthy effects to belittle the work of Admiral Schley that the majority of the people have reached the firm determination that he shall not be robbed of the glory of his achievement at Santiago. The statement of the Secretary of the Navy received respectful attention, but it wrought no change in public sentiment.

The profound conviction still obtains that it was Schley, and not Sampson, who annihilated Cervera's fleet, and nothing is likely to occur which will change the verdict of history in that respect.

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Though no vindication was needed, the Admiral's statement is a valuable addition to one of the most thrilling chapters of American naval history, and will serve to put at rest several minor points preliminary to the memorable conflict off Santiaga. Admiral Schley makes it conclusively clear that he remained off Cenfueges in obediance to arbitrary orders issued by the Navy Department, and that he salled for Santiago in less than two hours after belog informed that Cervera's fleet was in that harbor. fleet was in that harbor.

#### SCHLEY'S VINDICATION. (Richmond Times.)

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The answer, by permission, of Rear Admiral Schley to the charges recently made against him in the communication sent to the Senate by the Navy Department, is eath and conservative, and a thorough vindication of Seniey. None the less it carries a scathing arraignment of Sampson for double-dealing and smallness. It also affords unquestionable proof of a disgraceful determination on the part of the Navy Department to rob Admiral Schley of the honors due him in order to justify the favoritism that elevated Sampson to the position of communder-in-chief of our naval forces in Cuban waters.

Taking such exposes as Schley has been compelled to make in his own defence, and the general washing of dirty linen that has resulted from the administration's policy in connection with the war with Spain, and truly have Mr. McKinley and his advisers placed the nation in a most humiliating light before the rest of the World.

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Adenoid Growths in the Threat Are the Most Common Cause of "Running Ears" in Children,



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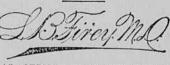
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Weak Eyes Are Often Due to Catarrh.

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